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## Context Clues: Using All Types

**Directions:** For each **boldfaced** word, underline the context clue and circle any signal words or punctuation marks. Then write a definition of the word. HINT: The type of context clue is given in parentheses.

1. (comparison clue) Jenna thought the lion fish resembled an **exquisite** jewel in its delicacy and beauty.

**definition:** \_\_\_\_\_

2. (example clue) **Fictional** stories include fables, folktales, and fantasy.

**definition:** \_\_\_\_\_

3. (definition clue) The university has a department of **statistics**, the study of facts or data.

**definition:** \_\_\_\_\_

4. (restatement clue) My teacher thinks two hours of practice a day are **essential**—absolutely necessary if a pianist is to make progress.

**definition:** \_\_\_\_\_

5. (contrast clue) We had expected a **logical** proposal from Eric, but instead he presented a disorganized, almost incoherent plan.

**definition:** \_\_\_\_\_

6. (cause-and-effect clue) Because her grief was so profound, it was hard to offer her any **consolation**.

**definition:** \_\_\_\_\_

7. (comparison clue) Just as certain as dawn, my exams are **inevitable**.

**definition:** \_\_\_\_\_

8. (contrast clue) We thought we would find Mark in good spirits, but instead he seemed **despondent**.

**definition:** \_\_\_\_\_

9. (restatement clue) Zach never **deviated** from a goal—he remained determined at all times to achieve his objectives.

**definition:** \_\_\_\_\_

10. (cause-and-effect clue) Because Rita loved complex designs, her decorations in the dining room were **elaborate**.

**definition:** \_\_\_\_\_